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REMARKS

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Heyer, U.S. Patent No. 3,003,318. Applicant gratefully acknowledges the indication that claim 2 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. By the above amendments, the subject matter of claim 2 has been incorporated into claim 1, making claim 1 allowable. The resulting amended claim 1 has been further amended so as to assure grammatical and idiomatic English and improved form under United States practice.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that claims 1 is patentably distinct over the prior art of record and is allowable, and that the application is in condition for allowance. Such action would be appreciated.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary for allowance in a telephonic or personal interview.

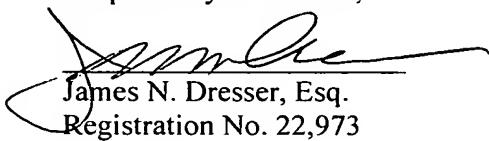
To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees, including

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extension of time fees, or to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account
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Respectfully Submitted,

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